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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan following the meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Prague from 25 to 28 April 1993, concerning the situation in the Kelbadjar district of Azerbaijan resulting from the latest round of Armenian aggression.

I would be grateful if you could kindly circulate this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 29 April 1993 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan

On 28 April 1993, in Prague, the Committee of Senior Officials of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe ended an emergency meeting, which was held at the request of the Republic of Azerbaijan to consider the situation that has arisen in the Kelbadjar district of Azerbaijan as a result of the most recent Armenian aggression.

The three-day talks have been counterproductive because of the unyielding position of Armenia - the only country participating in the CSCE which refused to pass a resolution in the Committee of Senior Officials by consensus.

Consequently, a very important document which was aimed at resolving the current crisis failed to be adopted.

It is evident that Armenia has taken a position that directly opposes the common will of the international community to find a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs states that Azerbaijan continues to adhere to and reconfirms its commitment to conflict resolution by peaceful means and requests that the international community, through the United Nations, condemn the Armenian aggression and demand the immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from recently occupied Azerbaijani territories. This is the only means to restore peace and security in the region.